ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

NEW RIVER

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

MACEDONIA CHURCH,

WALKER COUNTY, ALA.,

On the 16th, 17th & 18th days of October, 1875.

FAYETTE C. H., ALA.:
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MINUTES.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1875.

1. The congregation having assembled at the stand, the Introductory Sermon to the fifth annual session of the New River Baptist Association was preached by Elder J. B. Huckabee, from Nehemiah 6th chap. and 3rd v.: "And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?"

2. After half hour's recess the messengers and delegates assembled in the meeting-house, and the Association was duly opened. Prayer by Elder B. V. Shirley, former Moderator.

3. By motion agreed to vote for Moderator and Clerk as the letters were called.

4. Called for, received and read the letters from the churches, and enrolled the names of delgates. (See table.) And the election resulted in the choice of Elder B. V. Shirley, Moderator; and H. M. Bell, Clerk.

5. Invited visiting Ministers to seats.

6. Opened the door for the reception of new churches, and received a petitionary letter from Double Branches, by the hands of her delegates, to-wit: I. N. Ashcraft and B. M. Price, which church, after some inquiry, being regarded orthodox and orderly, was received, by inviting her delegates to seats and extending to them the right hand of fellowship.

7. The Moderotor then appointed the following committees:

Preaching—F. M. Yerby, D. G. Kirkland, with the Pastor and Deacons of Macedonia church.

Documents—W. L. Jones, N. J. Dyer and Moses Walters, and by motion the Association added Moderator and Cl'k.

Arrangements—J. C. Jones, J. B. Huckabee, and J. E. Bell.

Temperance—Ira Griffin, S. Appling and T. J. Fowler.

Finance—W. B. Melton, R. W. Woods and W. F. Baker.

Circular Letter—J. B. Huckabee, J. E. Bell and N. J. Dyer.

Nominations—Ira Griffin, E. Melton and A. J. Reeves.

8. The Committee on Preaching reported:—That Elder L. B. Harbin preach to-night at brother A A Smith's, Elder J. E. Bell at brother G. S. Tucker's, and Elder W. L. Jones at brother J. Downing's; Sabbath School mass-meeting to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, to be conducted by Elder J. E. Bell.

9. Appointed a Committee on the Centennial move, to-wit: J. E. Bell, J. C. Jones and J. B. Huckabee.

10. Adjourned to meet at 8½ o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Elder J. C. Jones.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1875.

11. The services were conducted in the order reported by Committee on Preaching. B. V. Shirley preached at 11 o'clock, from Matt. 28: 19 and 20: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." A collection and subscription was taken up, which amounted to $— cash, and $— subscription. Elder N. J. Dyer preached in the afternoon, from Hebrews 9: 27. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment."

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1875.

12. The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and opened with prayer by Elder G. W. Gravlee.

13. Called for report of Committee on Arrangement, which being read was adopted, as follows: 1st. Read Constistitution, Articles of Faith, and Rules of Decorum. 2d. Call names of Delegates and mark absentees. 3d. Call for Correspondence. 4th. Return Correspondence. 5th. Call for report of Committee on Documents. 6th. Call for report of Committee on Circular Letter. 7th. Call for report of District Meetings. 8th. Call for report of Committee on Nominations. 9th. Call for report of Sabbath School Board.—10th. Call for report of Committee on Temperance. 11th. Call for report of Executive Committee. 12th. Call for report of Treasurer. 13th. Appoint a Treasurer. 14th. Call for report of Centennial Committee. 15th. Call for report of Committee on Finance. 16th. Call for Miscellaneous Business.

J. C. JONES, Chm'n.

14. Read Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum.

15. Called names of Delegates and marked absentees.

16. Called for correspondence and received from Yellow Creek a Letter by her messenger, Elder L. E. Corbett; from North River, Letter and Minutes by her messengers, Elds. L. B. Harbin and D. Manasco. From Tuscaloosa, letter and minutes without messengers. The Moderator, while extending the right hand of fellowship, cordially invited the Messengers to seats.

17. Returned Correspondence as follows: To Yellow Creek, Elder N. J. Dyer, C. M. Weeks, Elds. J. B. Huckabee and J. E. Bell, and brethren I. N. Asheraft and M. Shirey; North River, Elds. A. A. Smith, G. W. Gravlee, J. E. Bell and B. V. Shirley, and brother J. T. Lyle; Tuscaloosa, Elders J. B. Huckabee, G. W. Gravlee, J. E. Bell and B. V. Shirley, and brethren E. Melton and Ira Griffin. Upon motion it was agreed that we omit an appointment of correspondence with the Union Association for the present.

18. Called for report of Committee on Documents, which, after reading, was adopted, item at a time, as follows: We, your committee on documents, report that we find a query from New Bethel church, thus: "Is it right to receive a member into our fellowship upon a letter of dismission from an anti-Missionary church?" and also a communication from Mt. Joy church, complaining against her sister, Mt. Zion, in the exercise of discipline, and asking the Association to appoint a committee to investigate the cause of complaint; and we recommend that the Association duly consider and advise as to the query, and that she appoint a committee of fifteen to inquire concerning the matter of complaint from Mt. Joy. Respec'y submitted,

W. L. Jones, Chm'n.

19. The Association then took up the query from New Bethel, and, after discussing, answered in the negative, i. e., It is not.

20. Appointed the following brethren to constitute a committee to investigate the matter of complaint from Mt. Joy, to-wit: J. C. Jones, W. L. Jones, J. B. Ferguson, J. E. Bell, G. W. Gravlee, N. J. Dyer, Moses Walters, W. F. Baker, D. G. Kirkland, Ira Griffin, E. Melton, H. M. Bell, G. W. McDonald, F. M. Yerby, and by motion added B. V. Shirley; it being agreed to leave out the delegates from Mt. Joy and Mt. Zion.

21. Called for report of Committee on Circular Letter, which, being read, after the reading of the Circular Letter, was adopted, as follows: We, your committee on circular letter, beg leave to submit the following—We have carefully examined the Circular Letter and earnestly recommend its reading, adoption, and printing in our Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. Huckabee, Chm'n.

22. Called for report of District Meetings, which were received, and are as follows: 1st District Meeting to be held with Concord Church, commencing Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1876; Elder J. B. Huckabee to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder J. E. Bell, alternate; Eld. B. V. Shirley to preach at 11 o'clock on Sunday, Elder N. J. Dyer, alternate. Subject for discussion Saturday morning: "Is foot-washing a church ordinance?" opened by A. M. Nuckols and E. T. Akins. Evening—"What is the proper discipline of the church?" opened by Wm. G. Baker and G. W. Gravlee. Next session of the Association to be held with Shepherd Church.

2nd District Meeting to be held with Harmony Grove Church, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1876, Elder J. C. Jones to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. B. V. Shirley, alternate. Eld. J. B. Huckabee to preach Sunday at 11 o'clock, on the subject of Foot-washing, Elder Wm. L. Jones to preach at 2 o'clock Sunday evening. Subjects for discussion Saturday morning: "Is the Baptist Church now, or has it ever been a protestant body?" opened by deacons J. M. Spann and R. H. Erwin. Saturday evening; "In our confession we say that we believe in the final perseverance of the Saints: Is final perseverance of the Saints the proper term (according to the Scripture,) to use to express Baptist belief?" opened by W. B. Shirley and G. W. McDonald. The following subjects for exegesis to be written by the following brethren, to be read Friday afternoon: First, Isiah 62: 2, "Thou shalt be called by a new name," by J. J. Dickinson. Second, John 14: 2, "In my Father's house are

many mansions," by Josiah Shirley. Third, Rev. 12: 7, "There was war in Heaven," by Avery Kidd. Fourth, Heb. 4: 12, "Is the Soul and Spirit of man one and the same thing?" by Samuel Appling. Sabbath S. Mass Meeting Sunday at 9, a. m., conducted by Elder B. V. Shirley.

23. Called for report of Committee on Nominations, which was received and adopted, as follows: We, your committee on nominations submit the following report: Elder B. V. Shirley to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder J. E. Bell, alternate; Eld. J. B. Huckabee to preach at 11 o'clock Sunday, Eld. E. T. Akins, alternate; Eld. J. B Huckabee to write Circular Letter.

IRA GRIFFIN, Chm'n.

24. On motion appointed J. E. Bell to write a letter of correspondence.

25. Called for report of Committee on Temperance, which, after being read, was adopted, as follows: We your committee on Temperance submit the following: We have had the subject under careful consideration, and from what we can learn, we are happy in being able to inform you that amongst our brethren the use of intoxicating drinks has been measurably abandoned; the influence of which is now wonderfully perceptable amongst the world. We would therefore urge, and pray, that the reformation in the Baptist Church be continued until it shall be said, of a truth, that the Church of Christ teach the whole truth, by precept and example, upon the subject of Temperance. Respectfully submitted, IRA GRIFFIN, Chm'n.

26. Called for report of Executive Committee, which was handed in and is as follows: In the absence of the Chairman we report nothing done, either of collecting money or by way of employing a Missionary. We do not even know of a single meeting of the committee. Respectfully submitted,

W. B. MELTON,
H. M. BELL.

27. Called for report of Treasurer, which was received, as follows:

On hand and unexpended Associational Fund of 1873,	$ 7,50
Received from Finance Committee Minute Fund of 1874,	27,95
Rec'd F. Com. Associa'l Fund,	14,45
Total,	$49,90
Paid for Printing Minutes,	27,95
Paid to Delegates to the Baptist State Convention,	11,95
Paid Clerk, by order of Associa'n,	10,00
Total,	$49,90

H. M. BELL, Treasurer.

28. Reappointed H. M. Bell, Treas'r.

29. Called for report of the Sabbath School Board, and received and adopted the same as follows: Dear brethren, We your S. S. Board submit the following report for your earnest and prayerful consideration: We have been unable to do anything in the way of an Evangelist, owing to the want of money. However, at our annual meetings we have held Sabbath School Mass Meetings, where great interest was manifested. In consequence of no means on hand, and in view of the greatness of the work, we would recommend the continuance of a Sabbath School Board; that said Board be expected to arrange for holding at least two S. S. Mass Meetings in each District of this Association, on each 5th Sunday after November next; to make the best arrangements to have said meetings generally known, and have such speakers as will, to the best of their ability, investigate the subject of S. Schools before the congregations thus assembled; and to arrange for the taking up of collections for S. S. purposes, at each meeting; and any other arrangements they may deem necessary. And that an effort be made to secure a visit from our State S. S. Evangelist, during the Associational year, to our Association. Respectfully submitted, J. B. HUCKABEE. Chm'n.

30. Called for report of Centennial Committee, which was adopted as follows: Your Centennial Committee beg leave to report the following:

Whereas, It is our privilege to enjoy the civil and religious liberty, which was established in the United States in 1776, and perpetuated to the Centennial year now at hand, it is fit, that in some suitable way we show our appreciation of the sacrifices and labor of our Fathers, to whom we are indebted for this great boon. That to the Baptist especially this is a glorious opportunity of expressing the gratitude of their hearts to God; who, through our Baptist Fathers, has handed down to us and our children the inestimable blessing of soul liberty. Whereas, The Baptist of our State have agreed to unite in this

great move, and on the 4th day of July, 1876, propose to bring up a memorial gift of One Dollar for each Baptist, with which to endow Howard College; an institution for the education of Ministers, as well as other young men; therefore—

Resolved, That in order to assist in this enterprise a committee of five brethren be appointed in this Association at large to see after this matter, and that this committee be instructed to appoint one brother in each church in our bounds, that we may do what we can in this work.

Resolved, That we appoint two Centennial Mass Meetings, one in each District, to be held on the 4th day of July, 1876, to be strictly religious meetings, where appropriate addresses may be made on this subject.

J. E. Bell, Chm'n.

31. Adjourned for one hour. Come together according to adjournment.

32. Appointed the following brethren to constitute the committee recommended by the Centennial Committee, to-wit: J. E. Bell, J. B. Huckabee, G. W. Gravlee, T. J. Fowler and J. B. Ferguson.

33. By motion agreed to continue the same S. S. Board as last year.

34. Called for and received report of committee on Finance, as follows:

Rec'd from the churches Minute Fund,	$24,20
Associational Fund,	14,65
Total,	$38,85

W. B. Melton, Chairman.

35. Appointed the following brethren as an Executive Board for the next Associational year, to-wit: D. G. Kirkland, H. M. Bell, W. B. Melton, Ira Griffin and Samuel Appling.

36. Upon motion of Elder J. C. Jones agreed to change the time of the meeting of the Association to the second Sunday in September, commencing Saturday before.

37. The following resolution being offered was, by motion, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and hereby tendered to Macedonia church and vicinity, for their very kind and liberal hospitality to us during the present session.

38. Appointed the following brethren to represent us in the Alabama Baptist State Convention, to-wit: J. C. Jones, J. B. Huckabee, B. V. Shirley and J. E. Bell.

39. By motion ordered that the Clerk see to the printing of the Minutes, reserve the usual number for correspondence, have as many copies printed as the Minute fund will pay for, receive $10 for his services out of the Associational fund, and pay over balance of fund to the delegates to Baptist State Convention.

40. Read and corrected Minutes.

41. By motion adjourned to meet with Shepherd church, 12 miles south of Fayette C. H., on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1876. Prayer by J. B. Huckabee.

B. V. SHIRLEY, Mod'r.

H. M. Bell, Clerk.

—The brethren sung a hymn and took the parting hand.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

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To the Churches of the New River Association:—

Dear Brethren—Our principal object on the present occasion is to stimulate you, as well as ourselves, to renewed efforts to sustain the Christian profession which we have made before many witnesses, by lives and works appropriate to the Christian character, and to this end we venture upon a few practical suggestions for your consideration.

First, let us remember that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that our only hope of salvation is in that free grace which is extended to us through faith, in the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, without the deeds of the law. Rom. 3d cap., 20th verse to the close. Yet we do well to remember that faith without works is dead. James 2d chap., verses 17 and 18.

And now, dear brethren, what evidences are we affording the world that we are the children of God by regeneration and adoption? Do we make the Word of God the man of our counsel, the rule of our lives, and the guide of our steps, or do we expect to commend ourselves to God, and our brethren, by a kind of common place, voluntary humility, consisting of confessions of our sins and short-comings in almost every

Christian duty? Do we expect these wordy confessions to atone for our sins because they are clothed in language mixed with apology for our omissions of duty? Can we expect, by constantly dwelling upon our doubts and fears, our bad feelings and self-reproaches, (perhaps sometimes more strongly expressed than felt) to commend ourselves to the favorable consideration of each other? Do we expect our complaints of weakness, ignorance, and want of ability to perform the duties which God has required at our hands, to be considered an example and proper discharge of those duties? Let each one duly consider and answer these questions to God and his own conscience.

If we, indeed, be the children of God by regeneration and adoption, then we are entitled to the inheritance of children, and to the consolations of the Gospel of Christ. It is true that while we remain in this world we cannot escape the many afflictions of the righteous, or avoid the christian warfare. We *must* necessarily encounter the world, the flesh and the devil. But we should take courage and put on the whole armour of God. Let us fight the good fight of faith, constantly bearing in mind that we are children as well as servants, and therefore nothing short of disobedience can deprive us of the privileges of children. Hence, brethren, we perceive that it is the high privilege of the children of God, to have religion to comfort and sustain them through all the dark and rough scenes of life, as well as in the hour of death. We do not feel authorized to countenance the belief that the Christian is doomed to a life of perpetual sorrow, grief and distress, araising from unbelief, doubts and fears. Our salvation is alone from God; it is the blood of Christ alone which can cleanse from all *sin*. But, if we would be useful and happy Christians, we must obey God and keep his commandments. Our lives must be spent in those active Christian duties to which we have, by the providence of God, been called.—And to this end let us most earnestly recommend a more constant, prayerful and diligent reading of the Word of God. Pray without ceasing, and search the Scriptures, and by them test your hope of eternal life—they testify of the Savior. They are given by the inspiration of God and are profitable for instruction, and furnish the man of God with all that is necessary to the performance of good works. The Bible furnishes us with all that knowledge which is necessary for the salvation of our souls. It is not a sealed book to the children of God. The duties of churches and pastors, of husbands and wives, of parents and children, of rulers and citizens, of high and low, of rich and poor, of bond and free, of every state and condition of the human family, is well defined in that sacred volume. And when we have thus read, and prayed, and studied, what our hands find to do let us do it with our might; let us not confer with flesh and blood, but go forward in the strength of the Lord; with zeal, constancy and perseverance. We must not forsake the house of God, or the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is. We should speak often, one to another; the Lord harken and hear, and a book of remembrance may be written for our consolation. Let us strive to maintain our first love. Let us remember from whence we have fallen, and repent and do the first works, least our candlesticks should be removed. It is to him that overcometh that shall eat of the tree of life. The Lord beholds our works, whether they be good or evil.—He sympathizes with his children in all their afflictions. He suffers them to be tried and tempted, but be ye faithful unto death and He will give you a crown of life. Let us strive for the fruits of the Spirit—charity, patience, brotherly kindness, long suffering, &c. By making ourselves more familiar with the Scriptures, we shall be reminded of the neglect of many of our most important duties. Let us advert to a few which we deem to be among the most important duties: Have the churches of our Association been discharging their duties to their Pastors? Has not God ordained that they which preach the Gospel shall live of the Gospel; and that they which minister about holy things shall live of the things of the temple? Read 9th chap. 1st Cor. Pastors cannot, in most cases, perform their duties unless the Churches will render them that support which is required by the word of God. Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who

feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock. It is written in the law of Moses, 'Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn.'— These things are written for us, brethren, that the minister who labors faithfully for our good should be supported by the church. If the ox and the servant who toil laboriously for our temporal sustenance, have a just claim on us for food and raiment, (which none can deny) is not the claim of the faithful and devoted minister of Christ for support, equally strong upon the church for whose spiritual welfare he labors. Without temporal support his ministry must be abridged, and he and his family be so straitened in their circumstances as to prevent their occupying that place in christian and cultivated society so necessary to enlarged usefulness. Brethren, if we are not ready to exchange a portion of our temporal things for those which are spiritual, it is high time for us to repent and seek those things which are from above. Let us not hinder the Gospel of Christ by our covetousness. A correct knowledge of the doctrines of the New Testament will teach christians to support their Pastors, with all that liberality which their circumstances will allow. It is a debt incurred for labors rendered, and not at all in the nature of charity. Our churches are in the habit of inviting ministers to the pastoral charge, and, as a matter of course, the invited minister is informed of the amount of labor which will be expected of him by the church; and how often is this done without any assurance on the part of the church as to the amount of support the Pastor will receive for the labor thus assigned? Brethren, these things ought not to be so. The minister of the Gospel, and his wife and children, as well as others, have physical wants; they need food and raiment. But our space will not allow us to dwell further on this subject, as we desire to say a few things to parents on the subject of training up their children for the Lord.

Is it not a melancholy fact that parents often find it more difficult to speak to their own children on the subject of religion, than even to strangers? We fear the causes of difficulty have not been sufficiently considered by many, or a remedy would have been more frequently found. Too many are disposed to make excuses for every neglect of duty; when, if we would scrutenize and examine ourselves closely, we should find the source of much of our neglect in our own hearts and lives; our own omissions of obvious christian duty. Why is it that parents cannot, with freedom, enquire of a dear child what its views and feelings are in regard to the Savior, and its eternal state? Why can they not speak of death and judgment, and the life to come? Why not be able to tell the child of its sin and danger, while in an unconverted state, and warn it to flee from the wrath to come, and invite it to seek the kingdom of God?— Alas, is it not because parents make those duties a rare and strange work? Our children daily witness our anxiety for their worldly good, but how seldom do they thus see us earnestly engaged for their eternal welfare? Too seldom, and perhaps the child concludes never, though we may have heaved many a sigh in its presence, and shed many a tear in secret for its eternal welfare.— Thus, at last, when we attempt to speak to our children they are surprised, if not alarmed, and soon grow impatient. Our feeble and faithless attempts, under such circumstances, are too often impotent and unsuccessful.— Another impediment which gives force to all the rest, is a secret consciousness in the parents own heart that their lives do not correspond with the sacred office which they are now assuming.— Dear brethren, it is believed that many of these bitter pangs and embarressments might have been avoided of seeing our children grow up indifferent to religion, by the early religious instruction of our children. Let us strive then, dear brethren, for that holiness and constancy of life which will insure the respect and affection of our children —such as will give an humble courage through the grace of God for the performance of parental duty to the fullest extent. But, brethren, we must close by exhorting you to love one another; for love is of God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God, for God is love, and we love Him because He first loved us. If a man say I love God and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And we may know

that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. And His commandments are not grievous, for whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world, even our faith which is manifold by good works.

J. C. JONES.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The New River Association to her Sister Associations—Greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN.—We have appointed the brethren whose names are found in our Minute to represent us in your Associations, to whom we refer you for any information you may desire respecting us. We desire to keep up correspondence with all the Associations with which we have been corresponding. Some of our churches report that the Lord has greatly blessed them, and quite a number have professed faith in Christ during the past year. Brethren, pray for us. Our next session is to be held with Shepherd church, near Newtonville, Fayette county, beginning on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1876.

B. V. SHIRLEY, Mod'r.
J. E. BELL, Cor. Sec'y.

RECEIVED of H. M. Bell, $25.30 for printing 500 copies of these Minutes. RICH'D J. SMITH,
PRINTER.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF DELEGATES. (Absentees marked with a star, thus*)	*CHURCHES.*	*PASTORS.*	*POST OFFICE*	Sabbath Meetg's	Baptised,	Received by L.	Dismissed by L.	Excluded,	Restored,	Dead,	Total,	Minute Fund,	Associational F.
N B McGlathry,* A D Roberts,* Ira Griffin,	Shady Grove,	E T Akins,	Fayette C. H.,	1	6	4	2	00	1	00	63	1,25	1,25
D G Kirkland and Thomas Goodwin,	Mt. Pleasant.	J C Jones,	" "	0	3	0	1	00	00	00	55	1,00	1,00
G W Graylee and R W Woods,	Shepherd,	B V Shirley,	" "	3	3	1	6	00	00	00	49	1,50	1,00
J F Asheraft,* Joel Asheraft,* W W Sanders,	Chappel Hill,	E Howell,	Beaverdale,	2	1	2	4	2	00	00	40	,75	25
F M Yerby, G W Horn,* A T Rushing.*	Pilgrims Rest,	B V Shirley,	Fayette C. H.,	2	0	0	7	00	00	1	78	1,00	50
N J Dyer, M C Johnson, T J Fowler,	New Bethel,	N J Dyer,	Beaverdale,	3	12	4	2	7	00	00	40	,80	80
J E Bell, M Walters, H M Bell,	Fayetteville,	J E Bell,	Fayette C. H.,	3	0	0	1	00	00	00	31	1,50	2,15
G W Howton,* H T Windham,*	Rocky Mount,	J E Bell,	" "	4	6	0	1	00	00	00	27	1,50	75
W G Baker,* G W Lawrence,* S Baker,*	Sardis,	M Morris,	New River,	2	0	2	0	00	00	00	26	,55	00
Silas White, E Melton, W B Melton,	Concord,	J M Chism,	Palmetto,	4	0	1	5	3	1	00	108	1,50	75
I N Asheraft, B M Rrice,	Double Branches, 2nd District.			0	0	1	4	6	00	2	13	1,00	50
J B Ferguson, J J Deavors, J Kellar,	Philadelphia,	J B Ferguson,	Handy,	1	1	1	2	00	00	1	19	75	50
M Morris,* C J Nickols, G W McDonald,	Union,	J C Jones,	Fayette C. H.,	3	2	11	1	2	00	00	44	1,00	1,00
E T Akins, A J Reeves, J A Harbin,	Mt. Zion,	J C Jones,	" "	4	0	9	14	3	00	00	63	1,00	25
B V Shirley, J C Jones, W L Jones,	Mt. Olive,	B V Shirley,	" "	1	12	12	12	1	00	00	85	1,50	50
J B Huckabee, S W Moss,* M Shiry,	Mt. Joy,	J B Huckabee,	Palo,	2	5	0	3	3	00	00	00	1,00	45
G S Tucker, T J Tucker,* W K Lyon,	Hopewell,	B V Shirley,	Fayette C. H.,	4	0	4	6	2	1	00	49	1,00	50
J L McGaha,* J M Spann, M E Chambliss,*	Harmony Grove,			0	0	0	6	2	00	00	69	1,60	1,00
J S Lisle, H L Tucker, John Shaw,	Macedonia,	E T Akins,	Fayette C. H.,	0	0	3	4	00	00	00	67	1,50	50
C M Weeks, W H Long,* B J Lee,*	Oak Grove,	E L Westbrook,	Mt. Calm,	2	1	1	2	1	00	1	24	1,50	1,00
W F Baker, Wilson Bell,* S Appling,	Mt. Lebanon,	J E Bell,	Fayette C. H.,	1	10	13	2	1	2	1	63	1,00	50

PROGRAMME

OF THE

Sabbath School Board

OF THE

New River Baptist Association.

There will be a Sabbath School mass-meeting held with the following churches, during the year 1876, to-wit:

First Dist.—At Mt. Pleasant On the 5th Sunday in January: Elds. J. C. Jones, G. W. Gravlee, and brothers A. M. Nuckols, E. Melton and H. M. Bell, to attend.

Same time at Rocky Mount, Elds. J. E. Bell, and N. J. Dyer, and brothers Moses Walters and T. J. Fowler, to attend.

Second Dist.—On the 5th Sunday in January at Oakgrove; Elds. J. B. Huckabee, Wm. Jones, and brothers M. Spann and M. Shirey to attend.

Same time at Hopewell, Elds. B. V. Shirley, E. T. Akins, and brothers J. S. Shirley and A. Kidd to attend.

First Dist.—On the 5th Sunday in May at Concord; Elds. J. E. Bell, J. B. Ferguson, and brothers Ira Griffin and D. Kirkland to attend.

Same time at New Bethel, Elds N. J. Dyer, G. W. Gravlee, and brothers T. J. Fowler and I. N. Asheraft to attend.

Second Dist.—On the 5th Sunday in May at Harmony Grove; Elds. B. V. Shirley, Wm. Jones, M. Morris, and brothers M. White and A. Kidd to attend.

Same time at Union; Elds. J. C. Jones, L. T. Akins, J. B. Huckbee, and brothers J. S. Shirley and M. Spann to attend.

As many of the brethren will attend these meetings, it is desired that the brethren appointed will investigate the Sabbath School subject as thoroughly as possible before each congregation; organize Sabbath Schools, take up collections, &c.

There will be a general Sabbath School Mass Meeting at Fayetteville on the 5th Sunday, and Saturday before, in August; Introductory by Eld. J. B. Ferguson. Subject: "The obligation of teaching to the young the precepts of the Gospel." All the Sabbath Schools are requested to send delegates to the above meeting.

J. B. Huckabee, Chm'n.